

Dianne M. Connor
Associate Judge
Workers' Compensation Court

Judge Connor was born in Pawtucket and graduated from Tolman High School in 1975. She attended the University of Rhode Island graduating in 1979 and the New England School of Law graduating in 1982. She was admitted to practice in both the State and Federal Courts in Rhode Island in 1982.

Prior to her appointment to the Bench, Judge Connor was engaged in a general litigation practice focusing on workers' compensation and personal injury law. During her career she served as an assistant city solicitor in Pawtucket, Rhode Island from 1982 – 1990 where she prosecuted matters for the Pawtucket Police Department. She also served as a special instructor at the Community College of Rhode Island teaching courses in business law and criminal law. She was a member of the Supreme Court Judicial Performance and Review Committee, the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association, the Rhode Island Bar Association, and the Attorney Mentor Program. She was a frequent lecturer for the Rhode Island Bar Association C.L.E. programs focusing on workers' compensation practice from 1993-1997. She also lectured on the arbitration of personal injury cases for the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association. She successfully completed the American Trial Lawyers Ultimate Trial Advocacy Program at Harvard University in 1998.

Judge Connor was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Court by Governor Almond in 2000 and was sworn in on July 21, 2000. Following her appointment to the Bench, Judge Connor was assigned by the Chief Justice to serve on the Advisory Committee on the Code of Judicial Ethics and the Advisory Committee on Women and Minorities in the Courts. She is also a member of the Rhode Island Trial Judges Association. Her community service includes a sustaining membership in the Junior League of Rhode Island.